

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached replacement drawing sheets make changes to Figs. 2–4 and replace the original sheets with Figs. 2–4.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets

REMARKS

Claims 1–4 are pending in this application. By this Supplemental Amendment, paragraphs [0003], [0008], [0020], [0024], [0026] and [0027] are amended to further clarify the configuration of the bottom heel of the thin-walled bottle container and Figures 2–4 are amended to further clarify the relationships between the various elements of the bottom heel of the thin-walled bottle container. Support for the amendments to the paragraphs can be found, for example, in Figures 2–4, emphasized by the additional notations. Applicants request reconsideration and prompt allowance in view of the following remarks, as a supplement to the remarks in the April 30, 2008 Amendment.

The courtesies extended to Applicants' representatives by Examiner Weaver during the telephone interview held on June 13 are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicants' record of the interview.

The Amendment filed on April 30, 2008 erroneously labeled original paragraph [0026] in the specification as paragraph [0024] and made amendments thereto. The current supplemental amendment corrects this error and Applicants respectfully request that erroneous amendment to paragraph [0024] indicated in the April 30 Amendment be disregarded.

The amendments to Figures 2–4 further clarify the relation between the bottom face region and the sidewall. Figures 2–4 illustrate a phantom sidewall that continues down past the bulge of the bottom face region. Applicants assert that amended Figures 2–4 clearly show "a bottom face region formed of a curved surface continuous to said sidewall and bulged toward the outside of said bottle container relative to said sidewall," as recited in claim 1, as the bottom face region clearly extends beyond the phantom extension of the sidewall.

Additionally, as amended Figures 2–4 merely illustrate the relation between two features previously recited in the disclosure and illustrated in the figures, no new matter is added.

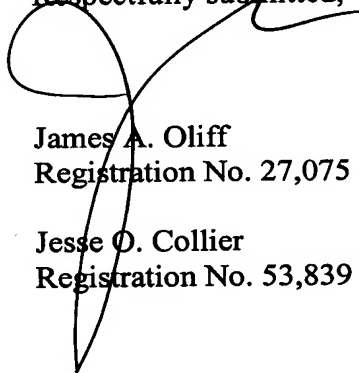
Additionally, paragraphs [0003], [0008], [0020], [0024], [0026] and [0027] are amended to provide an adequate "written description of the invention . . . in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms" to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. Applicants assert the amendments to the above paragraphs do not add new matter as the amendments merely clarify features previously contained in the original figures. Thus, the amendments to the specification and drawings do not constitute new matter under 35 U.S.C. §132. *See* M.P.E.P. §2163.06 ("information contained in any one of the specification, claims or drawings of the application as filed may be added to any other part of the application without introducing new matter").

The above amendments support the Remarks contained in the April 30 Amendment that neither European Patent Application No. 1,009,638 (EP '638) nor U.S. Patent Application 3,973,693 (Brocklehurst) disclose or suggest "a bottom face region formed of a curved surface continuous to said sidewall and bulged toward the outside of said bottle container relative to said sidewall," as recited in claim 1. Additionally, neither Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 10-139029 nor Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 56-048946, which are references of record but not used in a rejection, disclose "a bottom face region formed of a curved surface continuous to said sidewall and bulged toward the outside of said bottle container relative to said sidewall," as recited in claim 1. Thus, Applicants respectfully assert that claim 1 is patentable.

In view of the foregoing, as a supplement to the April 30, 2008 Amendment, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1–4 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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Replacement Sheets (Figs. 2-4)

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